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In conclusion we cannot too much approve the constant use of Latin to hide the hideous nakedness of the facts portrayed in the book. The frequent use of technical terms is also to be recommended, since it renders the book less comprehensible to the "laity," who are best off in total ignorance of its contents. In dwelling so long on this sad subject, we feel there is no need of an excuse, since the problem presented is comparatively new and of vital importance to the state.

ABBOTT'S TRIAL BRIEF. CIVIL JURY TRIALS. Second edition. The Lawyer's Co-operative Publishing Company. Rochester, N. Y. 1900.

This is a second and enlarged edition of one of those useful books which were issued in generous succession by the late Austin Abbott, either alone or jointly with his brother Benjamin V. Abbott—*e. g.*, the "Old Series" reports, "New Series," "New Cases," "Forms of Pleading," etc. To the "office" lawyer, with ample time to study before acting, or to the metaphysical lawyer, who deals only with suppositious cases, this volume, and all *ejusdem generis*, can be of little interest. Even to the practitioner whose litigated business is under common law procedure, the original chapters of this work, which were chiefly under the New York Statutes, may not be available; but to the advocate engaged in the conduct of actions in states (now a majority of the United States) wherein Civil Codes of Procedure have been enacted, to whom courts, trials, and opposing counsel are actual, visible, inevitable realities of his bread-winning life, such a book is of great value. To lawyers in any jurisdiction, the chapters added by the "Publishers Editorial Staff," are useful and helpful in their summaries of law and citations of recent cases—and from a brief compendium of the law of evidence. The titles, "Examinations of Witnesses" and "Exhibition and View," would seem especially interesting—to the general legal reader.

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THE LAW AND PRACTICE IN BANKRUPTCY. By WILLIAM MILLER COLLIER. Third edition. Revised and enlarged by JAMES W. EATON. Albany, New York: Matthew Bender. 1900.

The many friends of Collier on Bankruptcy will scarcely recognize it in its new form. The early editions contained much that was of value as pointing out the probable trend of decision under the Act of 1898 by reference to the decided cases under the old acts. Much of this matter has been superseded by late decisions under the Act of 1898, and some of it has been rendered of no application. The new edition of Collier has discarded all such superseded matter and has turned to the case law under the new act for a commentary upon its provisions. While there is perhaps not quite so much matter in the notes to the various sections, what there is is exceedingly well